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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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10 JOHN W. SIGLER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 Jorge Gonzalez, USAA Casualty
14 Insurance Company, Interinsurance
15 Exchange of Automobile Club,
16 Imperial Body Shop, Inc., Pablo
17 Galvez, Greg Taylor, Melissa Ordell,
18 Danelle Bushnell, Amber Peterson
19 (aka Amber Peterson Forrest, aka
20 Amber J. Schneider), Kevin
21 Karapogosian, James Syring, Randy
22 Termeer, John Boyle and DOEs 1 to
23 99, inclusive;

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25 Defendants.
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28 Case No. **8:22-cv-2325-CJC-JDE**

**OPPOSITION TO THE USAA's
MOTION FOR JUDGMENT ON
THE PLEADINGS AND
MOTION TO COMPEL
APPRAISAL**

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Honorable Cormac J. Carney

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3 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

5 I. INTRODUCTION

6 The court has already made statements regarding the Defendant's
 7 arguments and denial of the Defendant's motion would provide consistency.
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9 II. STATEMENT OF FACTS

10 **Arbitration.(IV.A)** Court has stated "*And USAA does not address the facts
 11 alleged in the FAC that, if true, would render Plaintiff's claims against it ripe
 12 for litigation in this Court. (See, e.g., FAC ¶¶ 26–27, Ex.
 13 A.)*"(Dkt.87,pg.2,Last line) USAA has not disputed FAC facts.

14 **Total Loss.(IV.B)** USAA mischaracterizes "Cost to Buy" in "Actual Cash
 15 Value" definitions as the act of buying a car without paying taxes and license
 16 fees, which is illegal in California.

17 **Statute of Limitation.(IV.C.1)** USAA's argument is based upon false
 18 citations, where USAA deleted critical citation phrasing referencing "voluntary
 19 dismissal"(FRCP.Rule 41).

20 **Intentional Misrepresentation, -2nd COA.(IV.C.2)** Court denied THE
 21 EXCHANGE's motion based upon same behaviour.(Dkt.112,Pg.10,ln25)

22 **Clayton Act. -5th COA.(IV.C.3)** Court denied THE_EXCHANGE's
 23 motion, where THE_EXCHANGE was the other half of the conspiracy to
 24 engage in price fixing/bid rigging.(Dkt.112.pg.14,ln.10), stating "*This type of
 25 horizontal price fixing among insurers and their collaborators aims at keeping
 26 more funds in insurance companies' pockets and minimizes the payouts to
 27 policy holders like Plaintiff*".

1 **RICO Act. -6th COA (IV.C.4).** Court previously noted alleged pattern
 2 history of USAA deceiving policyholders.(Dkt.112.pg18,Footnote)
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III. LEGAL STANDARD

5 Legal standards for Judgment on Pleadings: 1) In ruling on a Motion for
 6 Judgment on Pleadings pursuant to Rule 12(c), “*allegations of the non-moving*
 7 *party must be accepted as true, while the allegations of the moving party, which*
 8 *have been denied, are assumed to be false.*” See Hal Roach Studios,Inc. v.
 9 Richard Feiner and Co.,Inc.,896,F.2d,1542,1550(9th.Cir.1990), and 2) *Judgment*
 10 *on Pleadings can only be granted when there is no issue of material fact in*
 11 *dispute, and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.*
 12 Heliotrope General,Inc. v. Ford Motor Co.,189,F.3d,971 (9th.Cir.1999) at 979.
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IV. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. Motion to Compel- Arbitration is Voluntary; USAA does not dispute FAC facts; there is nothing to Arbitrate.

United States District Court, W.D. Louisiana, Lafayette Division has ruled that appraisal clause is voluntary, stating:

“As provided above, the appraisal provision [GEICO case] states “either party “may, within 60 days after proof of loss is filed, demand an appraisal of the loss ...” In contract construction, the word “may” is generally permissive. Pierce Foundations, Inc. v. Jaroy Const.,Inc.,190,So.3d,298,305 (La.,2016); Iberiabank v. Broussard,2016,WL5794545,at*4,f.n.9(W.D.La.,2016). There is nothing that suggests that this provision was intended as anything other than a voluntary process—essentially an alternative dispute resolution mechanism. The closing phrase of the provision, “We will not waive our rights by any of our acts relating to appraisal,” further supports the contingent, non-binding nature of this

1 provision.....Prudhomme v. Geico Ins.Co., No. CV 15-00098,2018 WL
 2 1371240, at*7–8 (W.D.La. Feb.9,2018), report and recommendation adopted, No.
 3 CV 15-0098, 2018 WL 1368335 (W.D. La. Mar.16,2018)

4 USAA’s Auto Policy states in Part D – PHYSICAL DAMAGE COVERAGE,
 5 - APPRAISAL:

6 “If we and you do not agree on the amount of loss, either may demand an
 7 appraisal. In this event, each party will select a competent appraiser. The two
 8 appraisers will select an umpire. The appraisers will state separately the actual
 9 cash value and the amount of loss. If they fail to agree they will submit their
 10 differences to the Empire. A decision agreed to by any two will be binding. Each
 11 party will pay its chosen appraiser and share the expense of the Empire equally.
 12 Neither we nor you waive any rights under this policy by agreeing to an
 13 appraisal.”(Ordell-Decl.,Exhibit-A,USAA-SIGLER_000053)

14 In USAA’s appraisal clause, “*may demand*” is also permissive and nothing
 15 suggests this provision is anything other than an optional occurrence; a voluntary
 16 process. USAA uses “*may*” in its Termination Clause, Section 1 and 2, and
 17 throughout the policy; implying various actions are optional.(Ordell-
 18 Decl.,Exhibit-A,USAA-SIGLER_000058) USAA’s statement that decision “*will*
 19 *be binding*”, alludes to the the outcome if a voluntary process is agreed to.
 20 Nowhere in the wordings is there the requirement that Party B must agreed to
 21 participate in the appraisal process. If the process was mandatory, that wording
 22 would be present. USAA’s closing provision, “*Neither we nor you waive any*
 23 *rights under this policy by agreeing to an appraisal*” further supports the
 24 voluntary, optional nature of appraisal.

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 26 *An insurance contract must be given a “fair, reasonable, and sensible*
 27 *construction as would be given to the contract by the average person purchasing*
 28 *insurance.” Kitsap County v. Allstate Ins. Co., 136 Wash.2d 567, 964 P.2d 1173,*

1 1177 (*Wash.*1998) (*quotations omitted*). We interpret a policy's terms in
 2 accordance with the policy's definitions; undefined terms are given their "plain,
 3 ordinary, and popular" meanings. *Id.* at 1178 (*quotations omitted*). If the
 4 language is unambiguous, we must enforce the contract as written. A clause is
 5 ambiguous when it is "fairly susceptible to two different, reasonable
 6 interpretations." *Id.* If the language is ambiguous and extrinsic evidence of the
 7 parties' intent does not resolve the ambiguity, we must resolve the conflict in the
 8 insured's favor. *Id.* *Tacoma Elec. Supply Inc. v. Atl. Mut. Ins. Co.*, 40 F. App'x
 9 567, 568 (9th Cir. 2002) The ambiguous wording, nothing stating the process is
 10 mandatory, must be resolved in Plaintiff's favor, and appraisal is voluntary.
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12 **In addition, there is nothing to arbitrate.** Plaintiff agreed (October 6, 2023
 13 letter) to move forward using valuation of \$10,090.05, in USAA's March 31, 2020
 14 letter(FAC¶26-27,Exhibit-A), as USAA's valuation threshold proving his vehicle
 15 should not have been totalled, so there is nothing to arbitrate and trigger appraisal
 16 arbitration.

17 Additionally, this court stated "And USAA does not address the facts alleged in
 18 the FAC that, if true, would render Plaintiff's claims against it ripe for litigation
 19 in this Court. (See, e.g., FAC ¶¶ 26–27, Ex. A.)"(see Dkt.87,pg.2,last line) USAA
 20 has not shown the facts as false.

21 Plaintiff reached out to USAA on July 6, 2023 to engage in appraisal
 22 process.(Orlando_Decl.Ex.4,pg.20)(Mischaracterized by USAA.(Mot.pg5,ln2)
 23 Plaintiff complied with terms of the Appraisal Clause, identifying himself as his
 24 "Competent Appraiser" choice. Plaintiff already had appraisal of the valuation of
 25 his vehicle, as stated in FAC,Prayer,Item-1(a-e). It was un-necessary for Plaintiff
 26 to repeat and pay an outsider for another appraisal. USAA refused to participate
 27 so long as Plaintiff named himself as his appraiser, with multiple excuses in July
 28 11, 2023 email,(Orlando_Decl.Ex.4,pg.19) including:

1) the appraisers selected obviously cannot be the insurer or the insured.

2) **No cited case law or provision in the policy prohibits this.**

3) would render material language in the appraisal provision ineffective.
4) (USAA selects an appraiser and prepares an appraisal. Their appraiser and Plaintiff compare appraisals. If no agreement, an umpire is selected to decide. **Plaintiff being his own appraiser has no effect on process.**

5) is not consistent with the purpose and intent of the appraisal provision or arbitration in general. **It is consistent with the process, unless USAA's process is solely to cost Plaintiff time and money.**

6) no cases support your claim that you should be allowed to act as an appraiser. USAA has cited no case law saying Plaintiff cannot. “*undefined terms are given their "plain, ordinary, and popular meaning"*s.(Tacoma Elec. at 568). **Policy's only requirement is the appraiser be competent, and a Kelly Blue Book Appraisal by Plaintiff is.(FAC,Prayer,Item.1)**

7) We also do not believe you are a competent appraiser. A competent appraiser is a person with knowledge, training and expertise in the field of car repair and valuation, and you do not meet this criteria. **USAA and Ms. Orlando, have no idea what Plaintiff's knowledge base, training, or past experience in auto repair is. Plaintiff's appraisal is derived from KBB, who is nationally recognized. This assessment is arbitrary.**

8) USAA then claimed the “Competent Appraiser” must be “independent”.
(Dkt.99,pg5,ln.7) There is no wording stating the competent appraiser has to be independent.

9) Now USAA is adding the qualifier of “qualified appraiser” to their demand for appraisal.(USAA Notice of Motion,pg.2,ln.20) Plaintiff found only six states that provide licensing or certification of automobile appraisers. California IS NOT

1 one of those. California does not provide definition of “qualified appraiser”,
 2 so this terminology is undefined.

3 Contrary to USAA’s assertions,(Mot.pg13,ln8) USAA ended discussions
 4 regarding appraisal on July 14, 2023, stating “Given your emails and previous
 5 communications, we do not believe that further discussion with you would be
 6 productive or is warranted at this time.”(Orlando_Decl.Ex.4,pg.17.)

7 Since USAA has not disputed the Facts alleged in the FAC, compelling
 8 appraisal should be denied and Plaintiff's claims are ripe for litigation as this
 9 court has previously stated.

10 When “USAA continued to change and redefine the terms”,(FAC¶27) the
 11 Plaintiff's work-around was to agree to USAA's March 31, 2020 letter valuation.

12 *“Fraud in the execution results in an agreement being void ab initio, whereas*
 13 *fraud in the inducement makes the transaction merely voidable.”* Sw.
 14 Administrators, Inc. v. Rozay's Transfer, 791 F.2d 769, 774 (9th Cir.1986). S.
 15 California Counseling Ctr. v. Great Am. Ins. Co., 162 F. Supp. 3d 1045, 1052
 16 (C.D. Cal. 2014), aff'd, 667 F. App'x 623 (9th Cir. 2016)

17 Appraisal was voluntary. USAA refused to participate in Appraisal process
 18 unless policy terms were changed. USAA terminated Appraisal process. As such,
 19 Plaintiff's “work-around” October 6, 2023 letter was the product of “fraud in the
 20 inducement”, and the court should not limit the Plaintiff to the exact contents of
 21 said letter. Plaintiff should be allowed the opportunity to uncover further
 22 evidence that USAA fraudulently depressed the valuation of Plaintiff's vehicle.
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25 **B. Plaintiff never conceded USAA properly valued his vehicle as a total**
 26 **loss. USAA's policy definitions and USAA's stated numbers, show**
 27 **USAA intentionally misrepresented Plaintiff's vehicle as a total loss.**

28 USAA bases their entire argument on falsely defining **Actual Cash Value**.

1 USAA Auto Policy states, “**Actual Cash Value**” means the amount that it
2 would cost, at the time of loss, to buy a comparable vehicle.(USAA Policy
3 Definition.)[Ordell_Decl.,Exhibit-A,USAA-SIGLER_000048]

4 “**cost to buy a comparable vehicle**” in “plain, ordinary, and popular meaning”
5 (Tacoma Elec. at 568) must include taxes and license fees. It is illegal to buy a
6 car without paying taxes/license fees. In the case of a comparable vehicle, the
7 cost of gas in the fuel tank must be included.

8 USAA’s March 31, 2020 valuation of Plaintiff’s vehicle contained an
9 appraised value of \$8,990, sales tax of \$854.05, CA CVR fees of \$214, fuel in
10 tank of \$32; - for a total cost to buy a comparable vehicle of **\$10,090.05**; which is
11 clearly the vehicle’s “**Actual Cash Value**”, or the “**cost to buy a comparable**
12 **vehicle**” according to USAA policy definitions. USAA miss-labels “Actual Cash
13 Value” as “Net Total” or “Total Loss” repeatedly in violation of their Policy
14 Definitions.)[Ordell_Decl.,Exhibit-D,USAA-SIGLER_000733]

15 USAA’s March 31, 2020 letter listing Net Total, should be interpreted as
16 nothing other than the “**net total**” of the **Actual Cash Value** as
17 **\$10,090.05**(FAC¶120) in accordance with USAA’s policy terms defining **Actual**
18 **Cash Value**.

19 Plaintiff agreed to use USAA’s number of **\$10,090.05** as the “**Actual Cash**
20 **Value**” (**ACV**) of his vehicle.(Defined by USAA policy Terms)

21 USAA’s policy states: “We will declare your covered auto to be a total loss if,
22 in our judgment, the cost to repair it would be greater than its actual cash value
23 minus its salvage value after the loss.” (Mot.pg.3.ln.13)[Ordell_Decl.,Exhibit-
24 D,USAA-SIGLER_000713]

25 First off, USAA has never stated a salvage value for Plaintiff’s vehicle until
26 this motion. Now USAA is using THE_EXCHANGE’s salvage value of \$821,
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1 which is not verified, and is extracted from documents never provided to
2 Plaintiff.(Ordell_Decl.,Exhibit-D)

3 Nevertheless, the **Total Loss threshold** is computed as **Actual Cash Value –**
4 **Salvage Cost** (\$10,090.05 - \$821) = **\$9,269.05** (a lower “Cost to Repair” would
5 indicate vehicle **IS NOT totalled**)

6 USAA’s inflated cost to repair is \$9,775.68.(FAC¶119) (Ordell.Decl.,Exhibit-
7 D,USAA-SIGLER_000713)

8 Plaintiff subtracted inflated labor rates of \$542 from Galvez Repair Estimate
9 (Cost to Repair)(FAC¶122), initially computing USAA’s **Cost to Repair** as
10 **\$9,223.68; \$45.37 below the Total Loss Threshold of \$9,269.05 – meaning**
11 **vehicle was not totalled.** (even allowing for THE_EXCHANGE’s
12 unsubstantiated salvage estimate).(FAC¶45,122) Using USAA’s ZERO salvage
13 estimate, **\$866.37 below Total Loss Threshold of \$9,269.05**

14 **At this point in the calculations, the facts alleged in the Complaint show**
15 **USAA falsely classified Plaintiff’s vehicle as totalled.** Plaintiff has never
16 conceded that his vehicle **was not totalled.**

17 USAA’s “cost to repair” drops further factoring in the Plaintiff’s deductible.
18 Galvez Repair Estimate(Ordell.Decl.,Exhibit-A,USAA-SIGLER_000713) states:
19 **Insurance Pays \$8,775.68.** Correcting for inflated labor rate deduction, USAA’s
20 new **Cost to Repair** drops to **\$8223.68. \$1,045.37 below Total Loss Threshold.**

21 Plaintiff noted major discrepancies in the Galvez Repair Estimate including
22 \$542 in excess labor charges.(FAC¶39-41). Plaintiff has since found, more
23 discrepancies, including \$654.60 in un-necessary replacement of air bag
24 diagnostic unit (commonly known as the Airbag Control Module (ACM))(Galvez
25 Repair Estimate, Ordell.Decl.,Exhibit-A,USAA-SIGLER_000711,Line:5-6),
26 computed as (\$540.60+\$114 Labor(1.2 x \$95)=total of \$654.60) Photographs of
27 the vehicle(referenced in FAC¶34) did not show deployment of the air bags, and
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1 no damages near any air bag system component to warrant such replacement.
2 Deducting for un-necessary ACM, USAA's **Cost to Repair** drops to **\$7,569.08**,
3 for a final total to this date of **\$1,699.97 below the Total Loss Threshold.**

4 **Plaintiff has never conceded USAA properly valued his vehicle as**
5 **Totaled.**

6 In anticipation of USAA claiming Plaintiff's deductible does not apply,
7 USAA's policy only allows USAA to waive the deductible if all of 4 criteria are
8 met.(Ordell_Decl.,Exhibit-A,USAA-SIGLER_000052). Criteria #3 is not met
9 because other vehicle's liability policy (\$25k) is not sufficient to cover the loss.
10 Since criteria #3 refers to Gonzalez's "liability policy covering the loss", loss in
11 this instance must be "liability loss" as defined by THE_EXCHANGE's policy
12 which would include the vehicle, loss of use, and storage costs, which exceeds
13 Gonzalez's Policy limit of \$25k.(FAC,Prayer)

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16 **C. Plaintiff's FAC fully states proper claims for Intentional**
17 **misrepresentation, violation of Clayton Act, and violation of the**
18 **RICO Act**

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20 **1. USAA's statute of limitation argument is based upon a**
21 **fraudulent citation, and Plaintiff's filing of FAC meets all statute**
22 **of limitations requirements.**

23 USAA bases their argument on Georgescu v. Bechtel Const., Inc., 15 F.3d
24 1085, 1085 (9th Cir. 1994), which is based upon Humphreys v. United States, 272
25 F.2d 411 (9th Cir. 1959).

26 In Georgescu, the court "dismissed Georgescu's complaint without prejudice
27 for failure to prosecute on August 24, 1990. Georgescu did not appeal that
28 dismissal.(Id, 1085), a voluntary action on his part.

1 In Humphreys, plaintiff dismissed her case in Oregon for the convenience of
2 the parties(Id.Humphreys,412) and then “the motion to set aside dismissal is
3 raised at a time when the statute of limitations on the cause of action has expired”
4 (Humphreys,412). A voluntary action by Humphreys.

5 In USAA’s citation of Humphrey, USAA boldy states: “[A] suit dismissed
6 without prejudice ... leaves the situation the same as if the suit had never been
7 brought in the first place.” (emphasis added)”. The actual wording in Humphrey
8 is **“a suit dismissed without prejudice pursuant to Rule 41(a)(2) leaves the
9 situation the same as if the suit had never been brought in the first place.** A.
10 B. Dick Co. v. Marr, 2 Cir., 1952, 197 F.2d 498, 502; Maryland Casualty Co. v.
11 Latham, 5 Cir., 1930, 41 F.2d 312, 313.

12 The dismissal of USAA in July 2023 was not voluntary,(Dkt. 52). None of this
13 case law is applicable. USAA citing these cases, and **deleting the key phrase of
14 “pursuant to Rule 41(a)(2)”** shows an inexcusable and deliberate lack of candour
15 to the court.

16 The filing of a complaint tolls the statute of limitations. *Once a complaint is
17 filed, the statute of limitations is tolled unless and until the district court dismisses
18 the action.* See 4 Charles A. Wright and Arthur R. Miller, Federal Practice and
19 Procedure: Civil 3d § 1053 (3d ed. 2002). Mann v. Am. Airlines, 324 F.3d 1088,
20 1090 (9th Cir. 2003). The original complaint was filed on November 18, 2022.
21 USAA claims the statute of limitations expired on March 31, 2023, a time period
22 of 133 extra days the Plaintiff had. The time period from July 3, 2023 to October
23 9, 2023, when the FAC was filed is 98 days. Even if USAA’s dismissal stopped
24 tolling, (which is debatable) the plaintiff had 133 days left, and refilled in 98 days,
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1 **2. Plaintiff's Second Cause of Action for Intentional
2 Misrepresentation identifies USAA's misrepresentations which
3 he relied on to his detriment.**

4 USAA's first argument is "*majority of the alleged misrepresentations
5 identified in the FAC cannot be attributed to USAA CIC because they were
6 included in the valuation reports Plaintiff alleges were created by Galvez, an
7 employee of IBS*". This argument **fails** because the FAC states "*Galvez-VVR-00
8 was created through software provided by CCC, and listed Pablo Galvez as the
9 appraiser, and stated "the value of the loss vehicle, [was] based on information
10 provided to CCC by USAA Casualty Insurance Company".(FAC¶115)*" USAA's
11 fingers were all over the fraudulent Galvez VVR along with IBS through their
12 employee Pablo Galvez.

13 Second, USAA claims it was not a misrepresentation for USAA CIC to inform
14 Plaintiff that it had "*sent [Plaintiff] information about the total loss of your
15 vehicle.*" The FAC states the misrepresentation was USAA misrepresenting the
16 Plaintiff's vehicle as a total loss.(FAC¶¶113,127(b)(iii)) USAA admits stating
17 Plaintiff's vehicle was a "*total loss*" Plaintiff's vehicle was not a total loss as
18 previously proved,(Opp.Section IV.B).

19 USAA withheld the Galvez VVR until March 27, 2020,(Mot.pg12,ln2) a day
20 after the claim was cancelled on March 26, 2020,(FAC¶¶44,45) All parties agreed
21 the claim was cancelled on March 26, so Plaintiff did not review this material in
22 depth. Providing documentation after a claim is cancelled shows intent to hide
23 material facts from the Plaintiff, and Plaintiff could only rely upon USAA's false
24 representation.

25 Third, USAA argues that "*the Policy expressly gives USAA CIC the option to
26 "pay for loss in money" or "repair or replace the [vehicle]"*" is a
27 mischaracterization of the facts. The full statement says "*We may pay for the loss*

1 in money, or repair or replace the damaged or stolen property. We may, at our
2 expense, return any stolen property to you or to the address shown on the
3 Declarations".(Ordell Decl. Exhibit A, USAA-Sigler_000051). **USAA changed**
4 **key phrasing to change meaning.** While Plaintiff's vehicle is his property, the
5 clear meaning of this section is to refer to property other than the vehicle itself.
6 "If the language is ambiguous and extrinsic evidence of the parties' intent does
7 not resolve the ambiguity, we must resolve the conflict in the insured's favour".
8 (Tacoma, at 568) Throughout the policy, USAA uses vehicle to refer to the
9 vehicle. This argument: (1)refers to property other than the vehicle so is not
10 applicable, and (2)does not even address the issue that USAA intentionally
11 misrepresented that the Plaintiff's vehicle was a total loss.
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13 USAA falsely classified the Plaintiff's vehicle as totalled.(**the intentional**
14 **misrepresentation**)(FAC¶29-47,126) The Plaintiff relied upon USAA's
15 misrepresentation that his vehicle was a total loss, damaging the Plaintiff by
16 denying him the option of getting his vehicle repaired which resulted in the
17 Plaintiff suffering further damages in the form of additional "Loss of Use"
18 damages, and additional Storage cost damages; all damages that could have been
19 avoided if USAA had not falsely represented that the Plaintiff's vehicle was
20 "totaled".(FAC¶127)

21 *"Based upon USAA's statement, the Plaintiff assumed USAA's representation*
22 *that his vehicle was totaled was truthful and did not pursue his original plan from*
23 *March 2, 2020 to get his vehicle repaired."*(FAC¶129) Plaintiff pursuing
24 negotiations of valuation was a detrimental action that Plaintiff wouldn't have
25 pursued if not for USAA falsely stating his vehicle was totalled.

26 This court previously stated "In the absence of the Exchange's
27 representation,[i.e. Plaintiff's vehicle was non-repairable, a total loss] Plaintiff
28 would have repaired his Vehicle and would not have been damaged by having to

1 pay for such extensive storage costs and other costs associated with the loss of use
2 of the Vehicle. This adequately states a claim.”(Dkt.112,pg10,ln25) The same
3 conclusion must apply to USAA who engaged in identical behaviour of
4 misrepresenting that the Plaintiff’s vehicle was totalled.

5 USAA’s argument that Plaintiff conceded USAA’s valuation was proper
6 returns to USAA’s mischaracterization about “Actual Cash
7 Value”,(Opp.Section.IV.B) Plaintiff never conceded his vehicle was properly
8 identified as totalled. The only act the Plaintiff agreed to was moving forward
9 using USAA’s fraudulent valuation of March 31, 2020 (\$10,090.05) because it
10 exceeded the valuation necessary to prove USAA’s misrepresented his vehicle as
11 totalled.(FAC¶27)

12 USAA also argues an irrelevant claim concerning mitigating damages. USAA
13 claims “Plaintiff will never be able to demonstrate that he appropriately mitigated
14 his own damages”,(Mot.Footnote 1, pg 14), because Plaintiff moved his vehicle to
15 his property for storage. Not only is this not applicable to relevancy argument, the
16 vehicle was moved to mitigate damages and avoid an \$80 per day storage fees that
17 was an act of extortion by USAA via their partner in crime, IBS.(FAC¶66)

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20 **3. Plaintiff’s Fifth Cause of Action for violation of the Clayton Act**
21 **involves a Per Se violation of the Sherman Act which the court**
22 **has previously upheld against USAA’s co-conspirator**
23 **THE_EXCHANGE.**

24 It was pled that USAA and THE_EXCHANGE engaged in a scheme of price
25 fixing / bid rigging involving matching fraudulent valuations of the Plaintiff
26 vehicle and matching their determinations that Plaintiff’s vehicle was totalled, a
27 violation of the Clayton and Sherman Antitrust Acts.(FAC72-74,181-188)
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1 The short response to USAA's argument to dismiss this claim is that "it takes
2 two to tango". Price fixing and especially bid rigging, involve the action of two
3 parties conspiring together. The court previously found sufficient cause to deny
4 THE_EXCHANGE's request for dismissal of the Fifth Cause of Action. Since
5 USAA was the other party to this conspiracy, for consistency, the same ruling
6 must apply to USAA.

7 The Ninth Circuit has stated "*Although this court has never expressly held that*
8 *bid rigging is a per se violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, bid rigging is a*
9 *form of horizontal price fixing. See United States v. Fenzl, 670 F.3d 778, 780 (7th*
10 *Cir. 2012) (describing bid rigging as "a form of price fixing in which bidders*
11 *agree to eliminate competition among them, as by taking turns being the low*
12 *bidder"); United States v. Bensinger Co., 430 F.2d 584, 589 (8th Cir. 1970)*
13 *(holding bid rigging is "a price-fixing agreement of the simplest kind, and price-*
14 *fixing agreements are per se violations of the Sherman Act"), superseded on other*
15 *grounds as stated in DCS Sanitation Mgmt., Inc. v. Occupational Safety & Health*
16 *Review Comm'n, 82 F.3d 812 (8th Cir. 1996). Bid rigging is, therefore, a per se*
17 *violation of the Sherman Act." United States v. Joyce, 895 F.3d 673, 677 (9th Cir.*
18 *2018)*

20 **Contrary to USAA claims, Plaintiff has antitrust standing.** "Antitrust
21 *injury "can be established by showing that consumers paid higher prices for a*
22 *product due to anticompetitive actions of a defendant, such as a horizontal market*
23 *allocation scheme."* In re Online DVD-Rental, 779 F.3d at 922. This court has
24 already concluded: "This type of horizontal price fixing among insurers and their
25 collaborators aims at keeping more funds in insurance companies' pockets and
26 minimizes the payouts to policy holders like Plaintiff."(Dkt.112,pg14,ln13)

27 All of USAA's citations boil down to the Ninth Circuit, in Amarel v. Connell,
28 102 F.3d 1494, 1507 (9th Cir. 1996), as amended (Jan. 15, 1997), which identifies

1 certain factors for determining whether a plaintiff has antitrust standing. These
2 factors include:

3 (1) the nature of the Plaintiff's alleged injury; that is, whether it was the type
4 the antitrust laws were intended to forestall: The Plaintiff's injuries involved:
5 (1)non competitive/low-ball valuation of his vehicle, (2)additional loss of use
6 and storage costs, business damages, and (3)loss of the opportunity to have his
7 vehicle repaired.(FAC¶94-98,188) All these injuries resulted from anti-
8 competitive price fixing and bid rigging, injuries the Sherman Act was written to
9 forestall.(FAC¶48-55,72-74,181-190,191-192)

10 (2) the directness of the injury: The injuries, additional loss of use, additional
11 storage costs, and damage to the Plaintiff's business from having to prosecute
12 these claims, were directly targeted at the Plaintiff and did not involved any other
13 parties.(FAC¶94-98,188)

14 (3) the speculative measure of the harm: There is no speculation regarding the
15 harm caused by the Defendant's anti-competition bid rigging act. USAA's
16 actions were key to the misrepresentation that the Plaintiff's vehicle was
17 determined to be totalled and were caused by USAA conspiring with
18 THE_EXCHANGE, including providing THE_EXCHANGE with a copy of the
19 Galvez-VVR-00 to copy. USAA's action forestalled all subsequent settlement
20 activity because the "totalled" determination took the settlement process down the
21 "totalled vehicle" rabbit hole. The damages include Loss of Use, Storage Costs,
22 and damages to the Plaintiff's business are easily quantified and allowed under the
23 Clayton Act.(FAC¶191-192) Same injuries caused by THE EXCHANGE which
24 this court previously acknowledged.

25 (4) the risk of duplicative recovery: There is no risk of duplicative recovery
26 since all defendants, THE EXCHANGE, USAA, and IBS, conspired to violate the
27 antitrust laws so damages would be awarded jointly and severally. Since there is
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1 only one lawsuit, the total awards, however the jury decides to award them, cannot
2 exceed the total damages and no other Plaintiff has any claim to create duplicative
3 recovery.

4 (5) the complexity in apportioning damages. Since the defendants were all
5 involved in the antitrust violations, awarding the damages jointly and severally
6 eliminates any complexity in apportioning damages, but this is an issue for the
7 jury to decide.

8 Plaintiff's injuries and damages arise from the Clayton Act stating "injury to
9 business or property". Plaintiff alleged injury to his Property, including: (a)loss of
10 a fair and competitive offer for valuation of his vehicle and loss of the option to
11 have his vehicle repaired, (b)loss of use and storage cost damages, (c)(d)damages
12 to his business through interference with current business productivity, part-time
13 and full-time.(FAC¶191-192)

14 Next, USAA argument that theirs and THE_EXCHANGE's bids were similar,
15 though not identical; is false. Both fraudulent appraisals were for the exact same
16 amount. More telling is the appraisals were for the same **fraudulent**
17 **amount**.(FAC¶183) The only difference was that USAA claimed the Plaintiff's
18 vehicle did not have a sunroof or CA emission equipment. THE_EXCHANGE
19 claimed the Plaintiff's vehicle did not have a sunroof or metallic paint. The
20 fraudulent valuations were identical,(FAC¶51) and the changing of the false
21 characterizations of the Plaintiff's vehicle to achieve the same valuation, is glaring
22 proof of a conspiracy of bid rigging.

23 USAA, argument that "Plaintiff stated he was not the direct target of the
24 scheme" is another USAA mischaracterization. Plaintiff stated "This price fixing
25 scheme was an intentional and targeted attack against a single party, the
26 Plaintiff.(FAC¶188) references to "direct target" come from the Plaintiff quoting
27 the Ninth Circuit's ruling in Diaz v Gates(Diaz v. Gates,420 F.3d,909(9th-

Cir.2005) justifying his business damages by quoting “*There is similarly no room in the statutory language for an additional, amorphous requirement that, for an injury to be to business or property, the business or property interest have been the "direct target" of the predicate act*”, and further stating “*injuries under Clayton to “business or property” must be considered exactly the same as injuries under RICO, which according to the Ninth Circuit in Diaz v Gate, do not have to be the direct target of the price fixing scheme*”.(FAC¶190) In these quotes “direct target” refers a Ninth Circuit quote stating Plaintiff’s injuries to his business are allowed.

USAA argues “Plaintiff does not allege that his injuries “result[ed] from monopoly power or unreasonable restraint of trade,” is nonsense. Monopoly power and restraint of trade are secondary issue under the Sherman Act and not applicable. Plaintiff’s injuries arose from price fixing/bid rigging, act forbidden under Sherman. The damages are derived from language in the Clayton Act, arising from Defendant engaging in anything forbidden under the Sherman Act. Bid rigging/price fixing are Per Se violations of the Sherman Act and monopoly power and restraint of trade (other than anti-competition Per Se nature of bid rigging) have nothing to do with this claim.

Defendant’s reference to Sheahan v State Farm Gen. Ins. is not even relevant since Sheahan was asking for damages under the Sherman Antitrust Act, not the Clayton Act.

USAA claims supplying THE_EXCHANGE a copy of the Galvez VVR was nothing more than “routine communication between non-competitors that resulted in no market harm”. If this was routine communications, why did: 1) USAA “share” a VVR which USAA knew to contain misrepresentations,(FAC¶54), 2) USAA not record this “sharing” in their Claim Notes which USAA employee Ordell has declared is a record of the claim’s transactions,(FAC¶50,54-55),

1 3)why was sharing accompanied by THE_EXCHANGE stating that they would
2 produce a valuation with similar values, which turned out to be identical to the
3 fraudulent valuation in the “shared” Galvez VVR?(FAC¶51) The alleged facts
4 clearly show the “routine communication” was the “factual heart” of the
5 conspiracy for price fixing/bid rigging.(FAC¶183)

6 USAA’s argues “the antitrust laws do not prohibit anticompetitive conduct in
7 markets artificially created by plaintiffs”; but cites no case law to support this
8 claim. It appears that USAA is admitting their actions were anticompetitive, but
9 not criminal since they occurred within “a market artificially created by the
10 Plaintiff”. Bid rigging, a Per Se violation, only takes two and there is no “market
11 size” requirement in Clayton or Sherman. Bid rigging will always occur in a
12 market created by the victim, who is the party seeking competitive bids from two
13 or more parties.

14 USAA argues “parallel conduct alone will not support an inference of
15 concerted action”. THE_EXCHANGE stated they would produce a similar
16 valuation.(FAC¶51) USAA provided the “known at the time” fraudulent Galvez-
17 VVR-00 to THE_EXCHANGE to match. This was not parallel conduct, this was
18 a conspiracy to commit price fixing/bid rigging.(FAC¶50,54-55)

19 The Plaintiff pled all the essential elements of a Sherman Act
20 violation.(FAC¶189) (1)a charged conspiracy was knowingly formed,
21 (2)defendants knowingly joined the conspiracy, (3)conspiracy affect interstate
22 commerce)(FAC¶189) “*As the legislative history shows, the Sherman Act was
enacted to assure customers the benefits of price competition, and our prior cases
have emphasized the central interest in protecting the economic freedom of
participants in the relevant market*”. Associated Gen. Contractors of California,
23 Inc. v. California State Council of Carpenters, 459 U.S. 519, 538, 103 S. Ct. 897,
24 908, 74 L. Ed. 2d 723 (1983) The defendant’s act of price fixing/bid rigging
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1 deprived the Plaintiff of the benefits of competing the two insurance policies that
2 covered his damages.(FAC¶50)

3 USAA’s argument that Plaintiff has not alleged “a scheme to affect other
4 insureds”, is not applicable. The Clayton Act does not require anything more than
5 one victim, stating “any person who shall be injured in his business or property by
6 reason of anything forbidden in the antitrust laws”.(15.U.S.C.15.Section 4) Bid
7 rigging is a Sherman Act violation(United States v. Joyce, at 677) and rarely does
8 bid rigging have more than one victim; the party seeking competitive bids. There
9 is no “greater-good”, “multiple victim requirement” to this violation; although, the
10 court did note in its Order(Dkt.112,page 14) “This type of horizontal price fixing
11 among insurers and their collaborators aims at keeping more funds in insurance
12 companies’ pockets and minimizes the payouts to policy holders like Plaintiff.”
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15 **4. Plaintiff’s Sixth Cause of Action for RICO establishes a pattern
16 of racketeering activities engaged in by USAA for over three
17 years and identifies elements of ongoing racketeering activities as
18 part of USAA’s normal business activities.**

19 Firstly, USAA attempts to establish legitimacy for their arguments from this
20 court’s ruling in September 2023(Dkt.73). That ruling had nothing to do with
21 RICO claims involving USAA. USAA was dismissed from the lawsuit in July
22 2023 and the court’s ruling was concerning THE_EXCHANGE.

23 Regarding prior court rulings, in the court’s prior Order(Dkt.112), the court
24 noted “Plaintiff does allege that USAA has a history of deceiving its policy
25 holders in a similar manner, but there are no such allegations as to the Exchange.
26 (See FAC ¶ 56.)”(Dkt.112,page-18,footnote 4)

27 This court has used the Supreme Court’s example of a RICO pattern, quoting
28 H.J., Inc. v. Nw. Bell Tel. Co., 492 U.S. 229, 242(1989) as:

1 A RICO pattern may surely be established if the related predicates themselves
2 involve a distinct threat of long-term racketeering activity, either implicit or
3 explicit. Suppose a hoodlum were to sell “insurance” to a neighborhood’s
4 storekeepers to cover them against breakage of their windows, telling his victims
5 he would be reappearing each month to collect the “premium” that would
6 continue their “coverage.” Though the number of related predicates involved may
7 be small and they may occur close together in time, the racketeering acts
8 themselves include a specific threat of repetition extending indefinitely into the
9 future, and thus supply the requisite threat of continuity. In other cases, the threat
10 of continuity may be established by showing that the predicate acts or offenses are
11 part of an ongoing entity’s regular way of doing business. Thus, the threat of
12 continuity is sufficiently established where the predicates can be attributed to a
13 defendant operating as part of a long-term association that exists for criminal
14 purposes. Such associations include, but extend well beyond, those traditionally
15 grouped under the phrase “organized crime.” The continuity requirement is
16 likewise satisfied where it is shown that the predicates are a regular way of
17 conducting defendant’s ongoing legitimate business (in the sense that it is not a
18 business that exists for criminal purposes), or of conducting or participating in an
19 ongoing and legitimate RICO “enterprise.”

20 The RICO claim against USAA mirrors this example in the following manner:

21 1) Instead of neighbourhood storekeepers, USAA’s victims are its
22 policyholders and claimants; which include: the Plaintiff (2020), the Reyes
23 (2017), the Kelleys (2018), Kraig Vandewalle (2019),(FAC.¶56,204), and Sonny
24 Letot (2013)(FAC¶60).

25 2) Instead of extortion in the form of “insurance”, the predicate acts were wire
26 fraud where USAA used its financial power (in the form of continuing business to
27 the appraisal companies, (IBS and Allcat)) to direct appraisers to falsify appraisals

1 with the aim of keeping more funds in insurance companies' pockets and
2 minimizes the payouts to policy holders like the Plaintiff, the Reyes, the Kelleys,
3 Kraig Vandewalle, and Sonny Letot.(FAC¶204)

4 3) P{attern and continuity are shown in USAA's pattern of fraud in directing
5 appraisers to falsify appraisals, extends over a seven year period from 2020 with
6 the Plaintiff, to the Reyes (2017), the Kelleys (2018), Kraig Vandewalle (2019),
7 (FAC.¶56,204), and Sonny Letot (2013)(FAC¶60).

8 4) USAA's pattern of racketeering predicate acts involves numerous other
9 victims; specifically the Reyes, Kelleys, Kraig Vandewalle, and Sonny Letot;
10 FAC¶56-57,Exhibit-E,Exhibit-F)) and generally the victim list includes hundreds
11 or thousands of members of the Sonny Letot class action
12 lawsuit.(FAC¶58,Exhibit-B-D))

13 *A plaintiff can establish that predicate acts were continuous by pleading either
14 open-ended or closed-ended continuity. Allwaste, Inc. v. Hecht, 65 F.3d 1523,
15 1526 (9th Cir. 1995). Open-ended continuity refers to “past conduct that by its
16 nature projects into the future with a threat of repetition.” H.J., Inc. v. Nw. Bell
17 Tel. Co., 492 U.S. 229, 241 (1989). Closed-ended continuity refers to “a series of
18 related predicates extending over a substantial period of time.” Id. at 242. ” Id. at
19 242.*

20 No court has established a hard line in defining “a substantial period of time”
21 for closed-ended continuity. The Second Circuit has come closest in suggesting
22 “any scheme that lasts less than two years does not sufficiently allege a
23 closed ended, continuous criminal scheme.”(Spool-v.-World Child Int'l
24 Adoption Agency, 520 F.3d,178,184-8 (2d Cir.2008)
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26 The Ninth Circuit's position, although not a “hard line” can be found in
27 Allwaste, Inc. V Hecht. “as the district court assumed incorrectly that
28 closed ended continuity could not be established absent a showing that predicate

1 acts occurred during a period lasting more than one year and that open-ended
2 continuity could not be established because Allwaste had terminated the
3 appellants' employment". Allwaste Inc. v. Hecht,65,F.3d 1523,1530–31(9th-Cir.
4 1995) It appears that the Ninth Circuit's hard line is one year. A RICO pattern of
5 predicate acts by USAA were pled as meeting the requirement of closed-ended
6 continuity over a seven year period.(FAC¶204-211)

7 USAA argues the facts, depositions, complaints, and court testimony (yes, the
8 Plaintiff has a copy of court transcripts) cannot be used in his claims of past
9 predicate acts,(Reyes, Kelleysts, Vanderwalle, Letot) but cites no case law for this
10 argument nor for their argument that these records are not the proper subject for
11 judicial notice. The admissibility of this evidence is not a question for Judgement
12 on the Pleadings. Jennifer Posas's (adjuster for Reyes), or Gair Allie's (adjuster
13 for Kelley and Vandewalle) testimony would certainly be admissible.

14 USAA argues the predicate acts,(Reyes, Kelleysts, Vanderwalle, Letot) are
15 unrelated and not a pattern. “[C]riminal conduct forms a pattern if it embraces
16 criminal acts that have the same or similar purposes, results, participants,
17 victims, or methods of commission, or otherwise are interrelated by distinguishing
18 characteristics and are not isolated events.” 18 U.S.C. § 3575(e). (footnote 14)
19 Sedima, S.P.R.L. v. Imrex Co., 473 U.S. 479, 497, 105 S. Ct. 3275, 3285, 87 L.
20 Ed. 2d 346 (1985) (emphasis on “or”, meaning not all these criteria have to apply,
21 though most of them do.)

22 The alleged predicates acts form a pattern because they:

23 1) all have the same victims, USAA policyholders.(FAC¶204) This group was
24 acknowledged by this court statements of: 1) “*Plaintiff does allege that USAA has*
25 *a history of deceiving its policy holders in a similar manner, but there are no such*
26 *allegations as to the Exchange.*”,(Dkt.112,pg.18,footnote) and 2)“*This type of*
27 *horizontal price fixing among insurers and their collaborators aims at keeping*

more funds in insurance companies' pockets and minimizes the payouts to policy holders like Plaintiff."(Dkt.112,pg.14,ln.13);

2) all have the same participants, USAA directing one of their financially dependent appraisal subcontractors. (for Plaintiff – IBS, for Reyes, Kelley, Vandewalle – Allcat, for Letot – Stewart Mayfield)

3) same method of commission, USAA directing the falsification of appraisals(Plaintiff, Reyes, Kelley, Vandewalle) or falsely classifying vehicles as totalled(Plaintiff, Letot),

4) the same purpose, "keeping more funds in insurance companies' pockets and minimizes the payouts to policy holders" as this court has previously noted.

The Plaintiff also pled the particularities of the predicate acts of wire fraud involving the Plaintiff,(FAC¶128), and the other victims(FAC¶56-57,Exhibits B-F)

The pattern of racketeering activities can also be established through the concept of open-ended continuity. *The continuity requirement is likewise satisfied where it is shown that the predicates are a regular way of conducting defendant's ongoing legitimate business (in the sense that it is not a business that exists for criminal purposes), or of conducting or participating in an ongoing and legitimate RICO "enterprise."* H.J. Inc. v. Nw. Bell Tel. Co., 492 U.S. 229, 243, 109 S. Ct. 2893, 2902, 106 L. Ed. 2d 195 (1989)

Plaintiff pled extortion, in the form of forcing Plaintiff to pay un-necessary premiums unless he settled his claim for a fraudulent amount.(FAC¶62-65) USAA does not deny these facts or this predicate act. The predicate act of extorting "un-necessary premiums" is coded into USAA's website, which means it is still active today, three years later supporting the allegations of a predicate act that is part of USAA's regular way of doing business.(FAC¶208,213) With USAA's predicate act of extortion coded into their website, this clearly shows this

1 predicate act is a regular way of conducting defendant's ongoing legitimate
2 business, establishing open-ended continuity.

3 Finally, USAA argues their actions, and the actions of THE_EXCHANGE and
4 IBS, were “conduct consistent with ordinary business conduct and an ordinary
5 business purpose.” If USAA’s argument is true, then USAA, THE_EXCHANGE
6 and IBS’s ordinary business conduct involved: (1)predicate acts of wire fraud in
7 misrepresenting vehicles as totalled by falsifying appraisals and repair estimates
8 with their partner IBS; in a scheme whose fraud also was used in support of price
9 fixing and bid rigging,(FAC¶29-47,48-55), (2)establishing a scheme to extort un-
10 necessary premiums from policyholders unless they accept fraudulent low-ball
11 appraisals,(FAC¶62-65) and (3)teaming with a repair shop (IBS) to charge
12 exorbitant storage fees as a further act of extortion to force a victim to accept a
13 fraudulent low-ball appraisal.(FAC¶66)

14 USAA’s argument that these activities are ordinary business conduct would
15 support the Supreme Court’s definition of open-ended continuity of a pattern,
16 stating “*The continuity requirement is likewise satisfied where it is shown that the*
17 *predicates are a regular way of conducting defendant’s ongoing legitimate*
18 *business*”(*Id. H.J., Inc.* at 242), and be an admission of racketeering activities with
19 the common purpose of keeping more funds in insurance companies’ pockets and
20 minimizing payouts on policy holders’ claims; as the court noted in it’s Order,
21 Dkt.112, pg14,ln.13.

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24 **V. LEAVE TO AMEND**

25 In determining whether to grant leave to amend, “a court must be guided by the
26 underlying purpose of Rule.15-to facilitate decision on the merits, rather than on
27 the pleadings or technicalities.” United States-v-Webb, 655 F.2d 977,979(9th
28 Cir.1981)

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal has stated that Rule 15's policy favoring amendments is applied liberally by us. Ascon Properties, Inc.-v-Mobil Oil Co.,866 F.2d,1149,1160(9th Cir.1989).

Leave to amend a pleading under Rule 15(a) is to be granted freely and with "extreme liberality." DCD Programs, Ltd.-v-Leighton,833,F.2d,183,186(9th Cir.1987). This policy is applied even more liberally to pro se litigants." Eldridge v. Block, 832 F.2d 1132, 1135 (9th Cir. 1987).

The entire pre-trial motion process is a learning process for Pro Se litigants and the Plaintiff should be granted leave to amend to fix any omissions, or to provide clarity on any issues the court finds in his pleadings; correcting any of the multiple acts of mischaracterization, such as misrepresenting the definition of “Actual Cash Value”, mischaracterizing citations regarding voluntary dismissals, or mischaracterizing basic fact regarding USAA’s Appraisal clause that the court may believe; or responding to additional issues the Defendant may raises in their reply that the Plaintiff has no opportunity to address.

VI. CONCLUSION

For the above listed arguments, the Plaintiff respectfully requests this court deny the Defendant's motion.

Dated: February 4, 2024


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